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PANAMA FOR JOHN BLACKEN CARACAS FOR CLAGETT TAYLOR

FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 061617 ACTION LOURENCO MARQUES

DAR ES SALAAAM LUSAKA CARACAS PANAMA INFO CAPE TOWN PRETORIA LISBON

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SUBJECT: FRELIMO PARDONS 240 "TRAITORS"

REF.: (A) DAR ES SALAAM 806; (B) LOURENCO MARQUES 307

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN ISSUE DENIAL OF GUMANE CHARGES
BUT, ON IF ASKED BASIS, WILL RESPOND TO QUESTIONS TO EFFECT
THAT BLACKEN AND TAYLOR, WHO ARE BOTH CAREER FSO'S, AS PART
OF THEIR OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITIES, MAINTAINED OCCASIONAL
CONTACT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL LIBERATION GROUPS
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IN DAR AND LUSAKA. DEPT. WILL ADD THAT THIS HAS BEEN

ROUTINE FUNCTION OF EMBASSIES DAR AND LUSAKA FOR MANY YEARS, AND THAT CONTACTS VERY MUCH INCLUDED FRELIMO REPRESENTATIVES.

2. CONGEN IS, HOWEVER, AUTHORIZED CATEGORICALLY DENY SPECIFIC CHARGE AGAINST TAYLOR, BUT SHOULD INCLUDE EXPLANATION OF U.S. POLICY TOWARD LIBERATION GROUPS AS OUTLINED ABOVE. WE WOULD NOT WANT IT TO APPEAR THAT SILENCE ABOUT BLACKEN WAS TANTAMOUNT TO CONFIRMATION OF CHARGE AGAINST HIM.

3. EMBASSIES DAR AND LUSAKA MAY MAKE SIMILAR EXPLANATIONS IF THEY DEEM IT WARRANTED AND APPROPRIATE.

4. DEPT. IS, OF COURSE, INTERESTED IN ANY FURTHER INFORMATION THAT CAN BE DEVELOPED ON THESE FRELIMO ACTIVITIES AND ATTITUDES, INCLUDING ANY CONCRETE INFO CONCERNING MACHEL'S ALLEGED REMARKS ON WESTERN AID OFFERS. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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